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SUBJECT: CSCE: SOVIETS SUGGEST RAISING LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION

1. THE SOVIETS HAVE SUGGESTED TO THE NORWEGIANS THAT THE LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION IN CSCE PHASE II BE RAISED TO FACILITATE REACHING AGREEMENTS. IN A DEMARCHE MADE TO NORWEGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY A FEW DAYS AGO, SOVIET CHARGE IN OSLO (SMIRNOV) SAID THAT, WHILE SUCH A HIGHER-LEVEL REPRESENTATION MIGHT NOT BE NECESSARY FOR ALL COUNTRIES, IT WOULD SEEM USEFUL FOR LARGER COUNTRIES, AT LEAST, TO SEND TO GENEVA OFFICIALS CAPABLE OF MAKING DECISIONS ON THE SPOT.

2. IN BRIEFING DCM AND EMBOFF ON THIS SOVIET APPROACH, POLI-
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TICAL DIRECTOR GENERAL VIBE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD SMIRNOV TO

SAY SIMILAR DEMARCHES WERE BEING MADE IN ALL CSCE CAPITALS. VIBE
HAD COMPARED NOTES BY TELEPHONE WITH HIS FINNISH COUNTERPART,
WHO CONFIRMED THAT SAME APPROACH HAD BEEN MADE IN HELSINKI. FINNS
INTERPRET IT TO MEAN THAT SOVIETS ARE PREPARING TO MAKE CONCESSIONS
BUT WOULD LIKE FOR SOMEONE HIGHER THAN MENDELEVICH--PERHAPS EVEN
GROMYKO--TO BE THE ONE TO HAND OUT THE GOOD NEWS. THEY (FINNS)
ALSO GUESS THAT THIS WILL NOT OCCUR BEFORE PRESIDENT'S VISIT
TO MOSCOW, AND PERHAPS NOT EVEN UNTIL PHASE II RESUMES AFTER A
SUMMER RECESS.
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